

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 (b)(1)

Honorable Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with the filing of an RCE. Thus, no certification or fee is required.

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Respectfully submitted,

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